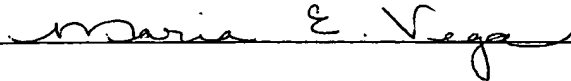


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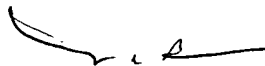
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the First Office Action mailed October 26, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and M.P.E.P. § 710.02(c), Applicant respectfully requests that the deadline for filing this Amendment be extended one month, from January 26, 2006 to February 26, 2006.

A check for \$120 is enclosed to cover the fee for this request. Please charge any additional fee which may be required or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2622.

Respectfully submitted,



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